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SUBJ: METTING OF FAO/UNIDO/WORLD BANK WORKING GROUP ON FERTILIZERS

- 1. ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM FAO (13).
 UNIDO (1), WORLD BANK (3), OECD (1), INDUSTRY DATA GROUPS
 (3), MCCUNE (TVA INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT CENTER)
 AND MYSELF. NO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AND ONLY
 MCCUNE AND MYSELF FROM TH U.S.
- 2. SUBJECT OF MEETING WAS SPECIFIC AND LIMITED TO PARAGRAPHS 3, 6 AND 8 OF WFC RESOLUTION III FERTILIZERS. PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO LAY BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON DEFINITIONS; COOPERATION WITH INCREASED SHARING OF DATA; DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON UNCLASSIFIED

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METHODOLOGY FOR PROJECTIONS; AND COORDINATION AND HARMONIZATION

OF DATA AND PROJECTIONS. MEETINGS ARE THUS INFORMAL BUT ESSENTIAL PREPARATION FOR FERTILIZER COMMISSION WHICH HAS A SPECIFIC MANGATE TO DEAL WITH THESE TOPICS.

- 3. WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED FERTILIZER POLICY (PARAGRAPH6)
 PRIMARILY TO AVOID BOOM-BUST CYCLES AND MINTAIN REASONABLE
 PRICES AND ADEQUATE SUPPLIES BY BETTER DATA AND PROJECTION
 NECESSARY FOR PALNNING. NO DISCUSSION OF POLICIES TO PROVIDE
 A GREATER SHARE OF AVAILABLE FERTILIZER SUPPLES TO THE DEVELOPING
 COUNTRIES.
- 4. MCCUNE'S OUTLINE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT CENTER GREATED FAIRLY POSITIVELY BUT WITH NO DIRECT INDICATION OF SUPPORT. EVERYBODY IS EVIDENTLY GUARDING THEIR OWN PIECE OF THE ACTION AND THE PROBLEM OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF INDUSTRY DATA IS DIFFICULT. MUCH DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE WORLD BANK DECIDES TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE CENTER. HOWEVER, WORLD BANK HAS PROPOSED TO OPERATE A DATA AND PROJECTIONS CENTER ON AN INTERIM BASIS THEMSELVES. U.S. INDUSTRY NOT REPRESENTED. WOULD PROBABLY HELP TO MOBILIZE STRONG BUT INFORMAL U.S. INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR MCCUNE'S CENTER. VOLPE UNQTE KISSINGER

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